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1. It is reported that from 1 November 1948 all members of the 1929 and 1930 age groups in Yugoslavia were to be called up to the Army.
2. In Bitolj, conscripted members of youth organizations were to report to the offices of the Dubinski Battalion, a training battalion, while all other conscripts were to be sent to special training centers in Skoplje. It was estimated that a total of about 1,250 young men and 180 young women would be affected in Bitolj.
3. One of the effects of the new call-up would be that it would permit the demobilization of the 1920 and 1921 groups. As from 1 November, there would be a total of nine age groups under arms, namely the 1919-1923 and 1927-1930.
4. Conscripts who belonged to youth organizations were normally posted to the nearest training center where they underwent a course of approximately eight months' duration (dependant on arm of service), after which they were sent to the regular army. The remainder, who were automatically considered to a greater or lesser extent suspect, were placed in labor brigades. It was possible, however, for a member of a labor brigade, by complete submission to Party discipline and by a demonstration of a grasp of Party "enlightenment", to be transferred to the Army.
5. Members of labor brigades wore army uniform although they did not wear a colored arm-of-service stripe on their collars.
6. The conscripted girls were normally employed in formation headquarters (particularly Divisional and above) as typists, clerks, cooks and orderlies. Girls who belonged to the Communist Party were allowed to hold confidential posts in accordance with their rank in the Party. Such girls were used as confidential assistants and clerks, wireless and telephone operators, as well as postal clerks.

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